



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries, and welcome all.*



*Online Bulletin*

## **The First Sunday after Christmas Day** **December 30, 2018 8 a.m.**

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### *Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.*

*Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.*

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### **Holy Eucharist** ***Liturgy of the Word***

#### **Prelude**

*Lullaby of the Birds to the Christ Child*

*William Cain*

*Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.*

#### **Entrance Hymn**

**All glory be to God on high**

**Hymnal 421**

#### **Opening Salutation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.*

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 147:13-21

- 13 Jerusalem will worship you, O God; \*  
and Zion will praise your name.
- 14 For you have strengthened the bars of our gates; \*  
and have blest our children within us.
- 15 You have established peace on our borders; \*  
and satisfied us with the finest wheat.
- 16 You send out your command to the earth, \*  
and your word runs very swiftly.
- 17 You give snow like wool; \*  
and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 You scatter your hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against your cold?
- 19 You send forth your word and melt them; \*  
you blow with your wind and the waters flow.
- 20 You declare your word to Jacob, \*  
your statutes and your judgments to Israel.
- 21 You have not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them you have not revealed your judgments.  
Alleluia!

## Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader      The Word of the Lord  
**People      Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

**John 1:1-18**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**People** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

*Book of Common Prayer p. 326*

*All stand as they are able and say together.*

## Prayers of the People

*Book of Common Prayer p. 328*

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Leader*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace. <sup>1</sup>

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Ed, and Dick*; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Jerry, our Governor*, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Barbara, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, and Tom.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rob, Rachel, Kim and those others on our hearts* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*(See page 8 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially those whose names we bring before God*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 330*

### **Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

### **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

### **Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.**

## ***Liturgy of the Table***

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory** *Allemand* *J.S. Bach*

**Presentation Hymn** **Good Christian friends, rejoice** **Hymnal 107**  
*Please stand as you are able.*

**Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)** *Book of Common Prayer p. 333*

**The Lord's Prayer** *Book of Common Prayer p. 336*

**Breaking of the Bread** *Book of Common Prayer p. 337*  
*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lamb's will that those who want him should meet him here.

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing from the priest.*

**Communion Music** *Das Fischermädchen* *Franz Schubert*  
*Christmas Pastoral* *Alexander Guilmant*

**Post Communion Prayer** *Book of Common Prayer p. 339*  
*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

### **Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



## ***12/30 – Serving This Week***

**8:00am**

<b>Acolytes</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Chalice</b>	Jo Ellen Heil, Lori Burke
<b>Psalm</b>	Lori Burke
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Tom Drew, Judy Drew
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Dela Parker
<b>Hospitality Sponsors</b>	Vicki Paul
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Renee Bower, Carole Nelson
<b>Counters</b>	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Nate Alday

### **Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's**

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
<b>12/30</b>	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Mon.</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>12/31</b>		
<b>Tues.</b>	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
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<b>Wed.</b>	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>1/2</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>1/3</b>		
<b>Fri.</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
<b>1/4</b>	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat.</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>1/5</b>		
<b>Sun.</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
<b>1/6</b>	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	DOK Epiphany Meeting (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

### ***Office Hours***

We will be taking some time with our families this Christmas Season. The office will be open by appointment only through January first. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of December 30, 2018***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury  
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop  
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan  
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson  
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts  
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County; the city councils of the communities in which we live; public safety and emergency personnel in Ventura County.
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

### ***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles, Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints', Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & campus ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery and Retreat House, Santa Barbara.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding and FOOD Share Ventura County.*

### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Barbara, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rob, Rachel, Kim

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer your prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.*



### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector; The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

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## Announcements

*Thank you for joining us today!  
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,  
St. Paul's is here to help.  
We're praying for you every day.  
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people  
for our refreshments this morning:  
8:00 am **Vicki Paul**,  
10:15 am **Nate & Anne Alday, Bruce & Judy Kelly,  
Greg & Karyn Jackson**  
*(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am: Eunice Koch  
10:15 am: Larry & Shirley Myers, Miles & Cathy Sexton,  
Laura & Teddy Andrews)*  
*If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

***Please join us again next Sunday!***

 <b>MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S</b>	<p><b>TODAY:</b> Many thanks to guest musician Caitlin Boruch on flute.</p> <p><b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b> The <i>Three Kings</i> will Go Tell It On The Mountain as we Hail To The Lord's Anointed!</p>
 <b>Epiphany Pageant</b>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 6—EPIPHANY PAGEANT</b> Would you like to help us put on this year's skit? We'd love for you to join us! Please sign up in the narthex (lobby), speak with Heidi Trevisan or contact the church office.</p>
 <b>Greening of the Church</b>	<p><b>THANK YOU</b> to all who participated in the <b>GREENING OF THE CHURCH</b>. A lot of work goes into making our sanctuary so beautiful for Christmas and we appreciate all of you!</p>
 <b>ST. PAUL'S VENTURA, CA EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b>	<p><b>PLEDGE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE</b> Pick up your 2019 weekly or monthly pledge envelopes in the narthex. If you can't find them, please contact the office.</p>
 <b>FRENCH EXIT</b> <small>PATRICK DEWITT</small>	<p><b>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – January 7, 2019</b> The December selection is <u>French Exit</u> by Patrick deWitt. In this comedy, Frances, “a moneyed, striking woman of 65 years” flees Manhattan for Paris after using up all of her cash. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are welcome! <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King.</i></p>
	<p><b>UPCOMING BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES</b> January 13, Baptism of Our Lord April 20, Easter Vigil June 9, Pentecost</p>